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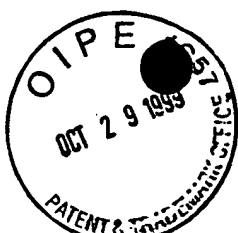
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		Filing Date	August 10, 1999
		First Named Inventor	Konstantine I. Iourcha
		Group Art Unit Number	2787
		Examiner Name	not yet known
TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence during pendency of filed application)		Total Number of Pages in This Submission	16
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114/\$150	214/\$75	Provisional Filing	
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2. CLAIMS		
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103/\$18	203/\$9	Claims in excess of 20
102/\$78	202/\$39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104/\$260	204/\$130	Multiple dependent claim
109/\$78	209/\$39	Reissue independent claims over original patent
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Signature		Date	Oct. 26, 1999

[†] Request for Extension of Time per 37 CFR 1.136 (a)(3) made hereby



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APPLICANT(S): KONSTANTINE I. IOURCHA, CHUNG-KUANG CHIN & ZHOU HONG
SERIAL NO.: 09/371,972
FILING DATE: August 10, 1999
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In accordance with the requirements under MPEP 605.04 (b), Applicants hereby notify the Examiner and USPTO of a typographical or transliteration error in the spelling of an inventor's name in this application. In particular, the name of inventor Ken Chen should be correctly changed to Chung-Kuang Chin as shown in the enclosed inventor declaration form.

Respectfully submitted,
KONSTANTINE I. IOURCHA,
CHUNG-KUANG CHIN & ZHOU HONG

Dated: October 26, 1999

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

SIR:

Enclosed is a copy of the Official Filing Receipt. It contains the following errors:

1. An Applicant's name is erroneously stated as Ken Chen. The Applicant's correct name is **Chung-Kuang Chin** as evidenced by the executed Declaration, a copy of which is enclosed. Applicants initially presented the inventor's name as he is commonly known, i.e., 'Ken Chin', as evidenced by the first page of the Specification (copy enclosed). The USPTO's error was in the misspelling of inventor's last name: 'Chen' instead of '**Chin**'. Applicants respectfully request that the USPTO replace the present name of inventor 'Ken Chin' to the inventor's legal name (**Chung-Kuang Chin**) in this application.

2. At the time of filing of this application, Inventor Chung-Kuang Chin's residence was not available and was not known to the Attorney Of Record. Inventor Chung-Kuang Chin's residence, is **Saratoga, California**, as evidenced by the executed Declaration, a copy of which is enclosed.


3. Inventor Zhou Hong's address should be changed to **Cupertino, California**, as evidenced by the executed Declaration, a copy of which is enclosed.

Please issue a corrected Filing Receipt rectifying these errors.

Since at least one of the corrections is due to Applicants' omission, payment in the amount of \$25, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.19(h), is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
KONSTANTINE I. IOURCHA,
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Applicant(s) **KONSTANTINE I. IOURCHA, SAN JOSE, CA; ~~KEN CHEN,~~**
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~~SARATOGA, CA~~ **CHUNG-KUANG CHIN**
~~CUPERTINO, CA.~~

CONTINUING DATA AS CLAIMED BY APPLICANT-
PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NO. 60/095,995 08/10/98

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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RASTERIZING PRIMITIVES USING DIRECT
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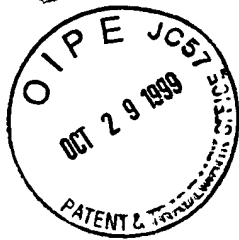
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**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RASTERIZING PRIMITIVES USING
DIRECT INTERPOLATION**

Inventors:

**Konstantine I. Iourcha,
Ken Chin, and
Zhou Hong**

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The subject matter of this application is related to the subject matter of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/020,152 filed on February 6, 1998, by Konstantine Iourcha, Andrea Nguyen, and Daniel Hung, entitled "FAST ADDER/SUBTRACTOR FOR SIGNED FLOATING POINT NUMBERS", which is fully incorporated herein by reference. This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/095,995 filed on August 10, 1998, by Konstantine Iourcha et al., entitled "RATIO ENGINE FOR GRAPHIC INTERPOLATION", which is fully incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to rendering graphics systems, and more particularly to texture mapping in graphics systems.